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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements
of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of November 1945

The demand for refrigerator cars still exceeds the available supply in several of the western states. Daily shortages are being reported from California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, North Dakota and Minnesota. The volume of loading in the western territories has been so heavy that it has been practically impossible to build up a car supply to meet current requirements.

The general commodities now moving in volume and the origin states are as follows: apples - Colorado, Idaho, Washington, Illinois and Virginia; cabbage - Colorado, Wisconsin, New York; carrots - California, Idaho and New Mexico; celery - Michigan, New York and Utah; cranberries - Massachusetts; grapefruit - Florida; grapes, honeydew melons, lemons - California; lettuce - California, Idaho; mixed vegetables - California and Colorado; onions - California, Idaho, Colorado, Oregon and Utah; pears - California, Oregon and Washington; sweet potatoes - Louisiana; tomatoes - California and New York; potatoes - California, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New York (including Long Island), North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

Potato loadings this year have been early and unusually heavy. Commercial shipments this season to October 13 totaled 130,238 compared with 118,729 to the same time last year, an increase of 11,509 carloads.

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region will aggregate 6,370 carloads. The most important of these movements will be 5,940 cars of potatoes and 45 cars of apples from Maine. Other estimated shipments are 200 cars of cranberries, 55 cars of potatoes and 45 cars of apples from Massachusetts. Connecticut will originate 70 cars of potatoes and 15 cars of apples.

The total volume of fresh fruits and vegetables to move from the Middle Atlantic Region will approximate 6,035 carloads. Of this total it is estimated that 4,895 will originate in New York State and will consist of the following: 1,800 cars of cabbage, 1,300 cars of potatoes, 450 cars of celery, 330 cars of onions, 320 cars of cauliflower, 395 cars of carrots, 130 cars of beets, 80 cars each of apples and mixed vegetables, and 10 cars of pears. New Jersey will originate 300 cars of potatoes, 135 cars of sweet potatoes and 35 cars of cranberries. The movement from Pennsylvania is predicted to be 175 cars of potatoes, 85 cars of apples and 50 cars of cabbage. In addition 35 cars of apples and 5 cars of sweet potatoes will move from Delaware. About 200 cars of apples will originate in West Virginia and 35 cars in Maryland.

During the month of November 1945, the estimated carload movements of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southern Region will total 1,395 carloads. This compares with an estimated movement from this same region during October 1945, of 1,675 carloads and represents a decrease of 280 cars, or 17 per cent. Shipments from Florida are not included in these estimates and will be discussed later. Of the estimates shown above for November a major portion of the movements will comprise shipments originating in Virginia as follows: 650 cars of apples, 180 cars of sweet potatoes, 95 cars of spinach, 15 cars of mixed vegetables and 5 cars of snap beans. Other important shipments are 135 cars of sweet potatoes, 70 cars of

of cabbage, and 10 cars each of mixed vegetables and snap beans. North Carolina is expected to ship 60 cars of sweet potatoes, 30 cars of cabbage and 10 cars of broccoli, while Georgia will originate 50 cars of green peppers. About 60 cars of sweet potatoes will also originate in Tennessee.

The estimated carloads expected to originate in the Great Lakes Region in November 1945, will approximate 2,850. Of this total 760 carloads of potatoes, 300 carloads of onions, 200 carloads of carrots, 150 carloads of apples, 55 carloads of celery, 35 carloads of beets and 20 carloads each of cabbage and turnips are assigned to Michigan; 755 carloads of cabbage, 100 carloads of potatoes, 55 carloads of carrots, 50 carloads of onions, 40 carloads of cranberries, 20 carloads of beets, and 10 carloads each of apples and turnips to Wisconsin; 50 carloads of mixed vegetables, 30 carloads of beets, and 20 carloads of carrots to Illinois; 80 carloads of apples, 15 carloads each of onions and potatoes, and 10 carloads of mixed vegetables to Ohio; and 50 carloads of onions to Indiana.

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to move out of the North Central Region during November 1945, will consist mainly potatoes as follows: 1,300 carloads from North Dakota, 1,095 carloads from Nebraska, 700 carloads from Minnesota, 30 carloads from South Dakota, and 10 carloads from Iowa. Minnesota will also originate 70 cars of onions, 20 carloads of turnips, 50 cars of cabbage, 15 carloads of mixed vegetables and 10 carloads each of beets and carrots. Iowa is expected to ship 35 cars of cabbage and 10 cars of onions. About 20 cars of cabbage will originate in Nebraska.

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables from the Southwestern Region during November 1945, (excluding Texas, which is discussed later on), will be around 1,370 carloads. These will consist principally of 990 cars of sweet potatoes, 50 cars each of oranges and mixed vegetables and 30 cars of snap beans. About 40 cars of spinach and 5 cars of greens will originate in Missouri; 140 cars of carrots and 25 cars of onions in New Mexico; 25 cars of spinach in Oklahoma; and 15 cars of sweet potatoes in Kansas.

In the Rocky Mountain Region, estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables during November 1945, will approximate 4,130. Practically all of these, or 77.3 per cent, will originate in Colorado and are as follows: 1,630 cars of potatoes, 210 cars of mixed vegetables, 975 cars of onions, 255 cars of apples, 85 cars of cabbage, 15 cars each of cauliflower and celery, and 10 cars of carrots. The shipments from Utah are estimated to be: 210 cars of cabbage, 170 cars of apples, 125 cars of potatoes, 90 cars of onions, 45 cars of celery, 10 cars of carrots and 5 cars of mixed vegetables. Wyoming will originate 175 cars of potatoes, and 75 cars of potatoes and 30 cars of apples are expected to move from Montana.

The total volume to move from the North Pacific Region is estimated to be 16,385 carloads. The carload shipments to originate in the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads to originate in</u>		
	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	290	4,920	450
Beets	35	-	-
Cabbage	45	-	-
Carrots	50	-	30
Celery	95	20	10
Cranberries	-	10	-

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Lettuce & Romaine	280	20	590
Mixed Vegetables	10	15	20
Onions	225	15	300
Pears	630	600	-
Potatoes	1,400	325	5,940
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	60	-
Total	3,060	5,985	7,340

The forecast of carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the South Pacific Region during November 1945, will comprise 17,406 cars. Approximately 15,370 of these will move from California; 1,835 from Arizona and 201 from Nevada. These shipments are listed below by commodities:

Carloads to originate in

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Nevada</u>
Apples	100	-	-
Beans, snap & lima	20	-	-
Broccoli	115	-	-
Cabbage	85	-	-
Carrots	880	110	-
Casaba Melons	40	-	-
Cauliflower	560	5	-
Celery	2,430	-	-
Corn, green	5	-	-
Cucumbers	-	20	-
Grapefruit	5	75	-
Grapes	2,000	-	-
Greens, except Spinach	70	-	-
Honey Dew Melons	15	-	-
Lemons	825	15	-
Lettuce & Romaine	2,350	1,400	-
Mixed Citrus Fruits	15	10	-
Mixed Decid. Fruits	25	-	-
Mixed Melons	10	-	-
Mixed Vegetables	1,465	160	1
Onions	165	-	145
Oranges & Satsumas	1,800	25	-
Pears	150	-	-
Peas, green	180	-	-
Peppers, green	20	-	-
Potatoes	1,400	-	55
Spinach	5	15	-
Sweetpotatoes	100	-	-
Tomatoes	535	-	-
Total	15,370	1,835	201

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Florida during November 1945, will aggregate 11,140 cars, while the movements from Texas will approximate 6,340 cars. These estimates follow:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads to originate in</u>	
	<u>Florida</u>	<u>Texas</u>
Beans, snap & lima	1,200	65
Beets	-	60
Broccoli	-	5
Cabbage	3	6
Carrots	-	5
Cucumbers	65	-
Eggplant	35	5
Escarole	100	-
Grapefruit	800	2,440
Greens, except Spinach	2	4
Lemons	5	35
Lettuce	10	-
Mixed Citrus Fruit	2,200	15
Mixed Decid. Fruit	-	25
Mixed Melons	-	10
Mixed Vegetables	180	1,465
Oranges & Satsumas	5,500	900
Peppers, green	40	360
Spinach	-	210
Sweetpotatoes	-	95
Tangerines	900	5
Tomatoes	100	630
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Total	11,140	6,340